

24 July 1957

Mr. George C. Doub
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Division
Department of Justice
Washington 25, D. C.

Re: John Zavodny v. the United States
Court of Claims No. 254-52

Dear Mr. Doub:

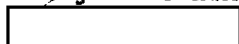
Inasmuch as the records of the Office of Strategic Services are in the custody of this Agency, the correspondence on the case of John Zavodny v. the United States was transferred to this Office by the Judge Advocate General of the Army. I, therefore, have your letter of 16 July including the opinion of the U. S. Court of Claims in this case and requesting our views and recommendation concerning further action.

The facts of the case appear to be quite clear that the negatives and photographs in question were received by the Office of Strategic Services and since the negatives could not be found when their return was requested the only problem involved, as pointed out by the court, was one of valuation. We see no reason to dispute the valuation arrived at by the court and, therefore, believe that judgment in the amount of \$2,086 is a reasonable settlement of this matter. It is our recommendation that no further action be taken to dispute Mr. Zavodny's claim.

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Sincerely yours,

subject-Claims *of 11/6,*



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